By a Clear Elucidation of the Proper Meaning of Certain Words.

MR.PEPPER IN THE DISCARD

But the Others Wrangle Over a Purely Hypothetical Question.

#### By DAVID A. CURTIS.

"Some'res in the Good Book," said old hesitates she's liable fo' to get lost. Mebbe it's so. I dunno 'xactly whether 'tis or not, but I'm doggoned if I c'n anythin' else." see why 'tis the hull human race ain't 'ncluded.

mo chanst o' rakin' the pot 'n if he

him to play they wouldn't be no playin' d'cidin' whether I'd play or not, lowed a reas nable time for to make up ne'ssary I'd be some liable to take it he'd ought fo' to call, an' that's al'avs

ain't. Proves how the hull problem o' if he don't, he ain't an' he won't,

d'eldin' what he's gwine to do. If he not if it takes two weeks.

deep blue sea the hull time.

a man what was c'nsid'rin' whether to 'Cordin' to what I've al'ays bulldozin'," he said, quietly but earonderstood, he's 'ntitled to take all the nestly. time he damn well likes fo' to d'cide what he's gwine to do into a game, grily. tirely disregardless o' what anybody else c'nsiders right.

but it's gen'ly reckoned good poker, an' liable to do, 'long about fo' or five 'y is for VOTING—what feminine bliss 's fur's the pot bein' lost is c'ncerned, hours a'ter I done made a bet, if they 'pears like it's a heap mo' likely to be wa'n't nobody done made up his mind this? lost if a man don't stop to think, 'n 'tis what he was gwine to do 'bout callin'.

other way round. makin' 'bout beln' percipitate 'pears to sneer.
be open to question. Way yo' all talks "If I done made a bet," replied Pearmo' suddint a man plays the mo' liable mine. I say the old man is right. 'Pears like t'other

pungent, and old man Greenaw and the friends were not particularly tolerant, wherefore Mr. Pepper usually found it necessary to show himself expeditious in the avoid being the state of the property of the p

On this occasion, however, his hearers appeared to be more or less impressed, "Well" said Pearsall appeared to be more or less impressed, not merely by his presumption in calling the old man's dictum in question but also by the cogency of his argument. They were all deeply interested in the game of poker and were anxious always to gain such wisdom as might serve to "Well," said Pearsall, "if they was a daid body in the way, I reckon it 'd have to be a daid body, no matter who 'twas. If the pot was mine, I'd have it, an' I sho' would reckon it was mine, onder them circumstants."

"They couldn't nobody holt nothin' Though bitter, blowing winds to-day

"Yo' c'n make a noise with 'em all reas'rable."
right, same's anybody kin, but that's nigh about as fur 's yo' c'n go. But diffrent words has diffrent meanin's. temper unusually at having his opinion an' some on 'em has mo' 'n one. If some-body had took the pains to 'xplain to yo'

"Th' ain't no man livin' gwine to tell all what them meanin's was when yo' me how long I can't take fo' to make a was little mebbe yo'd 'a' been able to use play when I ain't ready."
'em mo' capable like. play when I ain't ready."
'No, nor they ain't no man livin'

nobody tell what 'tis. But mostly they | uously. is like what the Good Book says, 'Full o' sound an' fury, not signifyin' nothin'.' advanced toward each other in a threat-Th' ain't no sense into 'em.

most 'mpo'tant words they is

reely is don't 'pear to be no idee at all. general engagement, I done told yo' just now how 'tain't hesito make up yo' mind what yo's gwine Perceiving the danger and having to do. O' co'se a man's 'ntitled to his time 'bout callin' a bet. Nobody his saloon in which there was no outain't gwine to kick if he does that.

Case o' the bet bein' onusual big I portunely: reckon they wouldn't nobody say nothin' if he was to take half a hour, though that'd be stretchin' it some. But if he was to take a week that'd be hesitatin'.

fo' to put up with it. "Now run along, sonny, an' try if yo' all c'n learn yo'self somepin! Mebbe an immediate response to such an invi-ty yo' was to go some place in the wil-

others convinced him of the inexpedition the circumstants, he'd be liable fo' to ency of hesitation in this instance and get peevish if he was to be kep' a week his departure was fairly to be called afo' knowin' what was gwine to be did. More than likely they'd be trouble.

So far as could be observed no aching void was occasioned in the assemblage by his absence. The old man and the four friends who sat in be somepin to fight about. his little saloon in Arkansas City re- And to this all presently agreed.

garded his exit with complacent amusement and continued to smoke placidly but industriously for a considerable time in silence. It presently appeared, however, that their thoughts were still with the subject which the

old man had endeavored to elucidate. "I reckon," said Jake Winterbottom rather ponderously after the silence had continued for some time, "what they is c'nsid'able mo' what mought be said bout that there time limit what Pepper was talkin' 'bout. I h'ain't never heer'd | o' nobody takin' a week fo' to make up his mind whether he'd call a bet into a poker game, but I don't see no reason why he shouldn't be let to do it if he sees fit. Th'aint nothin' in th' rules ag'in

it, 's fur 's I know"
"That's what the lawyers call the reductio damned absurdum," said the old man promptly. "O' co'se th' ain't

nothin' in the rules ag'in it. "Th' ain't nothin' in the rules ag'in co'tin' a gal or chuckin' a fit while the cyards is bein' dealt, but 'taln't to be xpected how they ain't nobody gwine to do neither one on 'em, not if he's lookin' to set in fo' the remainder o' man Greenlaw, "it says how if a lady the game he ain't. All d'pends on what's to be c'nsidered reas'nable. Poker is got to be played reas'nable if it's gwine to be played at all, same's

"Mebbe that's so," said Jim Blaisdell cluded.
"Pears like it holds good with men a little doubtfully, "but who's gwine to tell what's reas'nable an' what ain't into too. If a man don't put up when it's his a poker game? O' co'se if a thing's agreed onto when yo' set in, that goes. play, stands to reason he ain't got no Don't make no diff'rence what 'tis, nor it don't make no diff'rence whether it's eas'nable or not.

"But if they ain't nothin' specified thataway. If the others what's into the when yo' set in th' ain't nothin' goes on'y what's in the rules regilar. I ain't never took a week my own self did. O' co'se a man 'd ought fo' to be if I was to reckon what a week was

his mind, case of a question whether exclaimed Joe Bassett with strong em-

Mr. Bassett seldom joined in any "Hesitatin' is waitin' a onreas'nable discussion while it was being carried And watch suffrage pageants keep step with time, an' th' ain't nobody gwine to put on verbally, and this sudden assertion on his part was not only surprising to the others but a little disconcerting as well. He was known to be positive in is founded onto the game o' his convictions and more or less strenpoker. If a man onderstands poker an' uous in the uphoiding of them, and it plays it right when he does play, he c'n was evident that the argument, if it be relied onto fo' to live c'rect. But was to be continued, would progress on somewhat different lines.

"That's what 'pears to be the main ain't a-sayin' how I'm liable to, bein' p'int 'bout this here question o' hesi- 's I c'n gen'ly make up my mind in tatin'. Th' ain't nobody, man nor less time 'n thet what I'm gwine to But th' ain't nobody gwine to takin' a proper amount o' time in bulldoze me into playin' afo' I'm ready,

don't he's percipitate, an' him that "Mebbe they is them what c'n be plays percipitate is also liable fo' to lose buildozed, but if they is anybody gwine to try it onto me I'd like to "Oh, I don't know," said Mr. Owen how it's gwine to be did." He glared Pepper, "way yo' all tells it, 'pears like defiantly at Bassett as he spoke, and a man 'd be atween the devil an' the knowing the latter as they all did it deep blue sea the hull time.

"First off, I hain't never heer'd of between the two would result. Sam nobody never callin' no time limit onto Pearsall, however, spoke up suddenly. "Mebbe it mought be

"As how?" demanded Blaisdell an-

calmly, "I ain't a-sayin' what Bassett "Mebbe it mought be called hesitatin', mought do, but I c'n tell what I'd be pears like it's a heap mo' likely to be wa'n't nobody done made up his mind "What 'd yo' all reckon yo' was liable "An' then them remarks yo' all was to do?" asked Blaisdell, with an open

a man what plays percipliate is liable to sall steadily, "an' they wa'n't nobody lose, but 'cordin' to my observation the called, I sho' would reckon the pot was an' set an' grow old afo' his time, while Let hi he's waitin' fo' somebody to d'cide what allowed to say so much as this at one he'd best do. O' co'se, he's 'ntitled to time. His speech was almost always study a spell, but 'tain't to be 'xpected "can'ts") pungent, and old man Greenlaw and his what I'm gwine to wait no week. I'd when Woman will stalk through the World

his movements in order to avoid being me what was studyin'," declared Win- Kate Putnen Ospo terbottom, and the two glared mur- without the garden wall

"Well," said Pearsall, "if they was a

Old man Greenlaw, it is true, was at first somewhat inclined toward indignation at being so flouted, but gradually he assumed an expression of benignant sution at being so flouted, but gradually he assumed an expression of benignant superiority, and even smiled indulgently as he made reply.

"Trouble with yo' all, Pepper," he said as one offering fatherly counsel, "is how "Trouble with yo' all, Pepper," he said tion 's fur 's I knows, but on the other as one offering fatherly counsel, "is how hand, th' ain't no question but what a yo' don't 'pear to have no c'nception o' man has a right fo' to study his play fo' a reas'nable time. Question is, what's

'em mo' capable like.

"Way 'tis now yo' c'n perduce the noise all right an' sometimes yo' string 'em together so 's 't they sound like clared Pearsall, no less wrathfully.

"No, nor they ain't no man livin' gwine to keep me waitin' fo' a week a'ter I done put up my money." declared Pearsall, no less wrathfully. they meant somethin' even if they can't "Oh, you!" said Blaisdell, contempt-

> "Yes, me," replied Pearsall, and they ening fashion.

"This time pears like yo' all is consid-able mixed up bout three or fo' o' the argument it is not impossible that conost 'mpo'tant words they is.

"First off yo' 'pears to be twisted and that the existing differences 'bout 'percipitate' an' 'suddint.' They is between them might have been settled c'nsid'able 'dvantage in bein' suddint in violent fashion. As each one present, when the 'casion calls fo' quick action. But th' ain't never nothin' in bein' per- versy it was not felt that it would be becoming to allow them to fight it out "Secondly, yo' idee o' what hesitation alone, and one thing only prevented a

Unquestionably the credit for avoidtatin' fo' to take a reas'nable time fo' ing it belonged to old man Greenlaw. rooted objection to any disturbance in

His faith in the efficacy of the for-mula was immediately justified. It was not considered etiquette to continue a and they couldn't nobody be 'xpected brawl during the consumption of strong drink in a social way and few things were considered more important than

defness where the other wild asses come from an if yo' was to study over it fo' a few years, yo' wouldn't bray so foolish a'ter yo' come back."

"Oh, I don't know," began Mr. Owen Pepper, somewhat angrily, but a sudden motion on the part of some of the leave of the While they were engaged in filling

"But stands to reason they ain't no

#### POEMS WORTH READING.

An Angel Disguised. Her voice is like a rattly coal chute rum ble, Her smile, a ragged rip; Her walk is half a shu Her touch, a gnarly grip.

Yet dogs and little children follow after As she goes down the street; hey feel God's tune in her discordant They know her soul is sweet. G. T. EVANS.

The Feminist Alphabet Compiled by an agnostic A is for ANTIS-the allies Who ecourge Suffragitie with horrible din.

B is for BALLOT-the sceptre which C is for CHILD LABOR (let plutocrats How long would it last if Mothers could

E is for EQUALITY-sought at the polls F is for FRANCHISE—'tie plain to be seen They'll have it. God bless 'em, by nineteen

G is for GIRLS-whenever they start vote with their head-but more with their heart.

H is for HUSBAND with resolute Who, when you have children, is required

for INFANT-asleep in her crib Deprived of a vote through descent from

is for JUSTICE which Women pursue,

K is for KERBSTONE-where humble men

Have forged on the wrists of the Women, poor dears! for NATIONS-learning at last That shy, shrinking Woman's a thing of

O is for OAK-once for clinging vines suited. strong grew the vine, so the tree's

P is for PAPA-once head of the house But since Mother voted as meek as a mouse. is for QUIBBLE-dare any man state

Suffragettes do it when pressed in debate? R is for REVERENCE which decent man

really the mainspring of all of this

is for TAXES which Women must pa Concerning their uses she's nothing to say It is for UNION-for thus, hand in hand, Man and King Woman united should stand.

W is for WOMAN-the Mother of men

But without any fathers, Mrs Woman, what then? for XANTHIPPE-quite set, as you

Did she, too, root for suffrage, so long, long ago? is for YOKE-such as dumb cattle wear

who'd grind Woman to earth have a care!

Latent.

to gain such wisdom as might serve to increase their own efficiency. Therefore they listened.

Old man Greenlaw, it is true, was at first somewhat inclined toward indignations. On the control of the circumstants,"

"They couldn't nobody holt nothin ag'in yo' all, nor nobody else, fo' takin' what was yo'n," interjected the old first somewhat inclined toward indignations. On the circumstants, and the circumstants are circumstants, and the circumstants, and the

Three Up on Ananias. Grantland Rice in Collier's.

A group of golfers sat one day
Around the nineteenth hole.
Exchanging lies and alibis
Athwart the flowing bowl;
"Let's give a cup," said one of them,
A sparkle in his eye,
"For him among us who can tell
The most outrageous lie."

"Agreed," they cried, and one by one
They played 'er under par,
With yarns of putts and brassle shots
That travelled true and far;
With stories of prodigious swipes,
Of holes they made in one,
Of nibilck shots from yawning trape
As Vardon might have done.

And then they noticed, sitting by,
Apart from all the rest,
A stranger who had yet to join
The fabricating test;
"Get in the game," they said to him,
"Come on and shoot your bit"—

Whereat the stranger rose and spoke
As follows, or to wit: "Although I've played some holes is And other holes in two; Although I've often beaten par, I kindly beg of you To liet me off, for while I might Show proof of well earned fame, I never speak about my scores, Or talk about my game."

They handed him the cup at once, Their beaten banners furled; Inscribing first below his name: The Champion of the World.

The Weary One.

From the Baltimore American.
I wish I lived in Iceland,
Or somewhere round the pole,
Where temperatures at zero
Would be my daily goal.
Where I could nap on Iceberga.
And live on frozen stuff;
Of such ideal comfort.
I ne'er could get enough.

I wish I were a merman
To live in waters cool,
Where ne'er a heat wave wandered,
One's hopes of ease to fool.
There I would be contented
To watch the passing salls,
And for an humble living
To teach a school of whales.

I wish instead of ardor.

I had a nature cold.

With manners almost freezing.
That never warmth would hold.
I wish that winter weather
With July days would chime,
For. oh. how I do hate it.
The good old summer time!

Idlesse.

The roses in the closes swoon to-day; There is no breath to stir the fily tower; tall sultana poppy dreams away

And shall we not, beloved, let the stress Of life, that like a gripping fever seems, brift down the tide that is forgetfulness, And give ourselves to dreams? CLINTON SCOLLABD.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

John Paul Jones and the "Don't Tread On Me Flag" seem as hard to down as "Banquo's Ghost," and it is still a mooted question as to who first raised the flag

above quoted. On page 29 of the "Life of Rear Admiral John Paul Jones compiled from his the bidding, which is the most the dealer original journals and correspondence," can ask for, no matter what he has, published by J. B. Lippincott & Co., To bid three, undertaking to win nine Philadelphia, 1875, Dr. Syntax will find tricks with a spade hand for your dummy the following:

delphia Mr. Jones hoisted the flag of ers understand a three trick bid to show time it was ever displayed."

The ship referred to was the Alfred, to which he was commissioned as "first of the First Lieutenants" which placed him next in command to Capts. Saltonstall, Whipple, Biddle and Hopkins. His commission bears date the 7th day of December, 1775

In the appendix of this life of John To give them the Vote-then repent all their Paul Jones will also be found the following interesting correspondence between Adams and Langdon bearing upon the question in point:

WILLIAM S. EASTABROOK "DEAR Sin: 1 feel an irresistible pro-pensity to compare notes with you in order to ascertain whether your memory and mine coincide in the recollection of the circumstances of a particular trans-action in the history of this country. As it lies in my mind Capt. John Manly applied to Gen. Washington in Cambridge in 1775, informed him that British transports and merchant ships were frequently G. K. says: The deal passing and repassing unarmed and asked leave to put a few guns aboard a vessel to cruise for them. Washington, either shrinking from the boldness of the enterprise or doubting his authority, prudently transmitted the information to Cor in a letter. When the letter was They obey all the laws—why not make just a few?

They obey all the laws—why not make just many members seemed much surprised, but a motion was made and seconded to commit it to a special committee. Op-position was made to this motion and a debate ensued, but the motion prevailed the band.

by a small majority. The committee appointed were John Langdon, Silas Deane
L is for LADIES—check full of hard knocks LADIES—chock full of hard knocks masculine voter, while darning his caks.

The MANACLES—fetters which years corged on the wrists of the Women.

The NATIONS—learning at last the purpose at last the past.

The Past.

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The Women of the Women of the Women of the wind was a small majority. Under the authority of this resolution Washington fitted out Manly, who soon brought in several prizes, the most important of which was that transport loaded with soldiers arms, amountion and that imsoldiers, arms, ammunition and that immortal mortar which was called the Congress, and finally drove the British army out of Boston and their fleet out of the Lee, Mr. Gadsden and me to purchase arm and equip, officer and man ships We met every night and in a short time had the Alfred, Columbus, Cabot, Andrew Doria, Providence, &c., at sea under Commodore Hopkins. The naval enterprise of Congress increased fast. They soon twelve frigates to be built twelve frigates to be built. My recollec-tion has been incited by late information from Philadelphia that Paul Jones has written in his journal 'My hand first hoisted the American flag and that Capt. Barry used to say that the 'first British flag struck to him.' Both these vain boasts I know to be false, and as you

ow them to be so, I wish to have your "It is not decent nor just that those emigrant foreigners of the South should rogate to themselves merit that belongs New England sailors, officers and men. "Wishing you a healthy, pleasant year, remain your obedient fri

"JOHN ADAMS."

taken up and your mind continually reading your correct statement of th Euchre. S. M. C. says: A deals and her ceedings of Congress on our naval matters, the appointment of committees of lippincott's Magazine.

Lippincott's Magazine.

all it grows,

Euchre. S. M. C. says: A deals and her partner assists when playing the ordinary straight game. The dealer then says she will play it alone. Be contends that this is only not allowed, but A explains that it is only not allowed, but A explains that it is only not allowed, but A explains that it is only not allowed. had to begin our little navy and the opposition that was made by many members of Congress brings to my recollection the circumstances that took place in 1775, in all which as far as I can recollect most perfectly coincide with you. The appointment of Manly and his successes must be well known broughout the United States. As to Paul Jones, if my memory serves me, pretending to say that his hand first holsted the American flag and Capt. Barry 'the first British flag struck to him' are both unfounded, as it is impressed on my mind that many prizes were brought into the New England States before their names were mentioned.

"I am, dear sir, always happy to hear from you, that you are in good health and able still to continue your preeminent services to your country. Mrs. Langdon, who, I am sorry to say, has been very unwell for some time past, joins me in our most sincere respects to yourself and your good lady, whom we have in grate-ful remembrance.

most sincer respects to yourself the your good lady, whom we have in grateful remembrance.

"That your last days may be the best and happiest is the wish of your old friend and humble servant.

"John Langdon."

forty years asks for information concerning Prof. Blitz, who exhibited the trained canaries. He is said to have lived in Tarrytown at one time. Forty years would just about carry one back to the period of those intellectual fowl. The inquiry revives memory cells long dormant and recalls the green and yellow birds climbing ladders, performing the gymnastic exercises of the turnerbund, shooting tiny pieces of artillery. Essentially a moral show, and at that epoch this community came out strong upon the morals of its amusement, Prof. Blitz came within the proper circle and was permitted to give his exhibition in church lecture rooms and even the American Institute fair along with Swiss bell ringers and Bohemian glass blowers. More definite information will be welcomed.

What becomes of dead birds? In riding through the country or the city either I never see a dead bird. They certainly must die, but does any one ever know what becomes of them? HOPE BULKELEY.

Ages ago one in sympathy with the sweet things of life took thought of the half farthing sparrow that might fall to the ground. Sometimes dead birds ar seen in numbers, in the heavy snow of last March dead sparrows and starlings were found on every hand, frozen stiff in the places in which they had sought shelter. So many were killed in that gale that bird observers have noted the small numbers of birds this summer and because the pugnacious sparrows are so the migrating native hirds have shelter. So many were killed in that because the pugnacious sparrows are so few the migrating native birds have tarried in greater numbers than for many years. What is left of the bird after death is inconspicuous at best and soon

I wonder if some one of your multi-tude of readers can help me to find a poem which I think is entitled "Calf-without waiting to win a trick first. "Calfpoem which I think is sure. It is se scriptive of the origin of a crooked city street which began with the wabbling track of a calf on its homeward way.

## SCHOOL FOR CARD PLAYERS.

Auction Bridge. E. T. G. says: Dealer bids a spade, second hand passes, third hand holds seven diamonds to the king ten; four clubs to the king jack ten, and question as to who first raised the flag two spades, queen high, on which he and whether or not it was of the kind bids three diamonds. Is this the correct call?

One diamond is quite enough to reopen is a large undertaking and a quite un-"On board of that ship before Phila- necessary risk. As a rule modern play-America with his own hands, the first seven or eight sure tricks in hand. The hand given is not good for more than three or four unless it has some luck. W. H. G. says: Each side has won a

game, but A and B are about 100 points ahead on the totals when one of the players is suddenly called away. A disas they were a game ahead, but A and B thought they should have the 100 they The laws do not provide for abandoned rubbers except when it has been agreed

beforehand that the play shall stop at a stated time. Club usage is the only guide. It would seem that if the player in who quit was ahead, he should forfeit his advantage, while if he was one of the losers, he should be willing to pay not only for himself but for his partner if his time was so valuable that he had

nothing but four small hearts and three of each of the other suits, none of them

have been accomplished by assisting is not stated, but if the dealer was strong enough to rebid his hand he might been enough to rebid his hand he might have of the will, and said:
"While the divorce action had been com-

harbor. This splendid success inspired can, as that enables your partner to save new courage into Congress. They appointed a new committee consisting of yourself, Gov. Hopkins. Richard Heury ing a small card the partner's according ing a small card the partner's ace or king when Martha Alice Rogers made her will top of a when Martha Alice Rogers made her will be a when Martha Alice Rogers made her will be a when Martha Alice Rogers made her will be a when Martha Alice Rogers made her will be a when Martha Alice Rogers made her will be a when Martha Alice Rogers made her will be a when Martha Alice Rogers made her will be a when Martha Alice Rogers made her will be a when Martha Alice Rogers made her will be a when Martha Alice Rogers made her will be a when Martha Alice Rogers made her will be a when Martha Alice Rogers made her will be a when Martha Alice Rogers made her will be a when Martha Alice Rogers made her will be a when Martha Alice Rogers made her will be a when Martha Alice Rogers made her will be a whe winning. The only chance for loss is if the declarer holds ace king queen and another and could not have caught the jack unless it had been led,

> J. T. Y. says: A bets that in playing three hand the count for chicane still holds good and that it has been aban-loned only in the four hand partnership

of any score for chicane anywhere in the new laws. The laws for three hand are the same as for the ordinary rubber except as stated, and the statement of the special laws for three hand does not mention any special scoring for chicane.

D. T. M. asks if auction bridge was inin Russia and brought to this from there or originated in the

it was invented in India at one of the hill "RESPECTED SIR: I had the honor of it was invented in India at one of the hill the pull celving by the last mail your letter of stations by some Englishmen who had pality. The celving by which I see your time trouble in getting a fourth hand. As police, originally played it was a three hand came and did not become four hand aucion until it got to the Bath Club in Lon-

> Euchre. S. M. C. says: A deals and her ditions. in the big games for not allowed to assist. or prizes that one is

It is against the spirit of the game to force any player to disclose his game until his hand is called, and the modern rule is that an opener may split if he likes, provided that every opener puts A woman who has read THE SUN for his discard under the chips in the pool, no matter what he has or what he is

> A. A. H. says: A and B agree that a card faced in dealing the original hands must be accepted. A contends that The Sun has decided one faced in the draw must also be taken, to which B takes

THE SUN never made any such decision. It is one of the oldest rules in poker that a card faced by the dealer or turned over by the wind cannot be taken if it is dealt for the draw. If the player turns it over himself, that is another

Pinochle—J. W. J. says: Playing two hand, A wants 150 and B 150 to go out. After the last card is played, but before starting to count the cards, A says: "I call out." Upon counting he is found to be 30 short. B is also short. Must another hand be played to decide the winner?

winner? No, because A's calling out ended the game, and if he was not out, B won the game, no matter what he had.

is worth 300 when laid down at one time The modern style is to reckon it as worth 80 only. All the old high counts are out of fashion.

If the game is two hand the marriage is lost unless it is scored before the ace. ten, jack are added to it, and the extra king is of no value. In three or four hand the trump sequence is good for without waiting to win a trick first.

# NOVEL POINTS OF THE LAW.

The possibility of war at one stage of the relations between the United States and Mexico led Law Notes to inquire into the question of its effect on litigation between citizens of the two countries It was decided that all such litigation would have to be suspended under the opinion by Justice Strong of the United States Supreme Court in Matthews vs. McStea, in which the court said:

"It must also be conceded, as a general rule, to be one of the immediate conse-quences of a declaration of war, and the effect of a state of war even when not declared, that all commercial intercourse and dealing between the subjects of adherents of the contending Powers is unlawful, and is interdicted. The re for this rule are obvious. They are in a state of war, all the members of each beligerent are respectively enemies of all the members of the other belig-erents; and were commercial intercourse allowed, it would tend to strengthen the enemy, and afford facilities for convey-ing intelligence, and even for traitorous correspondence. Hence it has become an established doctrine that war puts an end to all commercial dealings between the citizens or subjects of the nations well as the governments themselves, in a state of hostility; and it dissolves commercial partnerships existing between the subjects or citizens of the two contending parties prior to the war; for their continued existence would involve community of interest and mutual dealing between enemies."

The effect of a bequest by a wife to her husband from whom she had obtained G. K. says: The dealer starts with a heart and fourth hand bids a royal. Hollister before the Supreme Court of Wisconsin in which Fred L. Rogers says two royals. The third hand holds asked for letters of administration on the nothing but four small hearts and three estate of Martha Alice Roy will Mrs. Rogers provided better than queen high. A bets he should have assisted on four trumps. As it was, he passed, and the other side went game at royals.

There is nothing to assist on, as the four trumps are of no value unless they can be used for ruffing. What would

between enemies.'

enough to rebid his hand he might have gone on himself to save the game unless they bid him up to five.

Mrs. T. says: Against a no trumper the suit led is won by third hand, who has no more to return after the second round. Dummy's weakest suit is three clubs to the ten, and third hand holds jack and three small. What should he lead?

The usual plan is to beat dummy if you can, as that enables your partner to save action upon it would automatically be-come final and conclusive at the end of one year from its entry. So it would seem that her death she meant that she gave the of her death she meant that she gave the property to him if no divorce was granted. It does not seem that she intended to give her property to him if he had a judgment of divorce entered against her which would at least be final and conclusive one year from the date of entry, unless otherwise ordered. She doubtless meant a 'duly wise ordered. She doubtless meant a commissioned husband' with all the rights and privileges and charged with all the duties and obligations of a real husband in law and in fact. Whatever the effect of judgment may have been under the the judgment may have statute when entered it at least impaired the relation which formerly existed between Fred L. Rogers and Martha Alice as husband and wife, and severed end."

Tobacco users in Zion City, Ill., are re lieved by a decision of the Supreme Court of Illinois in City of Zion vs. Behrens, in which the court holds invalid an ordi-nance prohibiting persons from having in the ordinance was a valid exercise of the

nance forbidding an act under all n the big games for prizes that one is street cars, theatres and like places where large numbers of persons are crowded to it is not the assist that is forbidden, but the playing alone after the partner a different matter from prohibiting smoking on the open streets and in parks of a city, where conditions would counteract any harmful result. The personal liberty of the citizen cannot be interfered with unless the restraint is reasonably neces-

> The liability of parents for the wrongful act of a child was decided in Charl-ton vs. Jackson in the St. Louis Court of Appeals, in which it appeared that the father and mother of a thirteen-yearold boy permitted him to have a shotgun, although they knew he was reckless and without discretion, and before the occurrence on which the suit was based had pointed the weapon at a neighbor. During the absence of the boy's father During the absence of the boy's father the plaintiff called, and while the plaintiff was in the dining room the boy entered and fired the shotgun at the plaintiff, causing the injuries complained of. The court ruled that both father and mother were negligent in permitting the boy to have the gun, and said:
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> "Here the evidence is that the minor son was a reckless, careless boy, possessed of high animal spirits and without ordinary discretion. But a few days before he pointed the gun at this plaintiff

ordinary discretion. But a few days before he pointed the gun at this plaintiff in the presence of his father while plaintiff was upon her porch on the adjoining premises, and plaintiff remonstrated with him for so doing. It appears de-fendants knew this, and that they permitted both Kenneth and a younger brother to carry the gun about and use it. No one can doubt that if the father knows his indiscreet minor son of tender years is using a firearm in such careless and negligent manner as to endanger the safety of others about him it is his duty to interpose the parental authority to prevent injury to such persons as may, within the range of reasonable may, within the range of reasonable probability, be exposed to injury therefrom. Especially is this true if it appears, as here, that such minor son is not only of tender years but indiscret and reckless as well thereabout. The principle of liability of the father in such circumstances for the tort of the son on circumstances for the tort of the son on the grounds of negligence against both has frequently been declared by the courts, and the rule of law is well es-

A decision upholding health regulations A decision upholding health regulations laid down by a city board of education is made by the Supreme Court of North Dakota in Streich vs. Board of Education, involving the power of the board to require pupils to bring to school a physical report based on an examination by a physician furnished by the board or at the option of the parents. It was conceded that the regulation had improved the health of the children and had prevented the outbreak in the schools had prevented the outbreak in the schools had great the province of the parents. It was conceded that the regulation had improved the health of the children and had prevented the outbreak in the schools had great the province of the parents. It was conceded that the regulation had improved the health of the children and had prevented the outbreak in the schools are the provinced to the province of the parents of the provinced the provinced that the regulation had prevented the provinced the provinced that the provinced the provinced the provinced that the provinced the provinced that the provinced that the provinced that the provinced the provinced that the prov ad prevented the outbreak in the schools of epidemics which were prevalent in the former years.

The court held that the regulation in question was not invalid as constituting an unwarrantable violation of a personal right, especially as it was not shown that the required examination by a phy-sician would necessarily entail any exscriptive of the origin of a crooked city street which began with the wabbling track of a calf on its homeward way.

It was written by Sara Walter Foss and may be found at page 1828 of Burton Stevenson's "Home Book of Verse."

Cinch. C. L. P. says: A contends that the first lead must always be a trump.

This is not the usual rule, as it makes the game too much like pitch and spoils many of the fine points of the play.

Sician would necessarily entail any exposure of the person or manipulation of the body such as would necessarily entail any exposure of the person or manipulation of the body such as would necessarily entail any exposure of the person or manipulation of the body such as would necessarily entail any exposure of the person or manipulation of the body such as would necessarily entail any exposure of the person or manipulation of the body such as would necessarily entail any exposure of the person or manipulation of the body such as would necessarily entail any exposure of the person or manipulation of the body such as would necessarily entail any exposure of the person or manipulation of the body such as would necessarily entail any exposure of the person or manipulation of the body such as would necessarily entail any exposure of the person or manipulation of the body such as would necessarily entail any exposure of the person of the body such as would necessarily entail any exposure of the person of the body such as would necessarily entail any exposure of the person of the body such as would necessarily entail any exposure of the person of the body such as would necessarily entail any exposure of the person of the body such as would necessarily entail any exposure of the person of the body such as would necessarily entail any exposure of the person of the body such as would necessarily entail any exposure of the person of the body such as would necessarily entail any exposure of the body such as would necessarily entail any exposure of the body such as would necessarily entail any exposure of the

# STATESMEN REAL AND NEAR.

By FRED C. KELLY.

Senator Martine makes a good many gestures when he talks. So does Senator Smoot. One day Smoot and Martine were debating a question while standing rather close together. Senator Chamberlain was sitting between them. He stood it as long as he could and

then got up and moved away. essary," said he, "but I don't intend to sit there quietly and let those fellows

gesture into my jaw."

Speaker Clark was remarking one day that there is just as much of a knack in trimming one's name as in trimming a hedge. The case of the shift in the Speaker's own name is well known-how he used to be known as James B. Clark, which would doubtless have caused him to be buried under a thick blanket of obscurity. And how he changed to Beauchamp and finally

to plain Champ Clark. Along this same line the Speaker tells powers at war and places every individ-ual of the respective governments, as he used to know out in Missouri. He well as the governments themselves, in was a wise man, was John Brown, and of the case of plain John Brown, whom he knew that he was cursed by too usual a name. And so what do you suppose John Brown did? Why he began signing his name John X. Brown, thereby changing it from an extremely ordinary name to a name that would cause one to stop and turn around to look at it the second time.

> Charles Lee Cooke, an attache of the office of the Third Assistant Secretary of State, devotes himself chiefly to keeping tab on the social doings of that office. He has to know what diplomats are out of the city, where invitations will reach them, the dates for sending birthday letters of congratulations to foreign rulers and a score of other things of a similar nature.

> If one is about giving a party and is uncertain about the proper title of a Supreme Court Justice or a foreign Ambassador the man to see is Charles Lee Cooke. One day Cooke decided, just out

his fellow laborers. But Buchanan himself and one companion were left on the top of a narrow steel pler nearly 100 Their one chance of getting down

seemed to be a piece of rope cable about twenty feet long. By unravelling this and tying the pieces together formed a rope that would almost reach the ground, but it was a slender and there was grave question about it supporting their weight, Buchanan's companion, being the lighter of the two, went down first.

When Buchanan got within a foot two of the end the rope broke right in his hands. "Talk about luck," says he, "suppose the weak place had been at the other

Secretary Bryan has never lost a cent of money at poker. Neither did he ever win any money at poker. The fact is, he never played a game of cards in his life, not even cassino. He doesn't know one card from another.

After John Skelton Williams's promotion from Assistant Secretary of the Treasury to his present place as Comptroller of the Currency it was noted that he delayed moving from the Secretary's office to the room provided for the Comptroller of the Treasury. It was nearly a month after his appointment before he packed up his belongings and

went over to his new quarters. The accepted theory about the Treasury Department in explanation been using afforded a better view, and also was more prettily furnished. The Comptroller of the Currency was a less important place formerly than it is under the new currency law and the furnishings were not in keeping with the new dignity the place had acquired. Before Mr. Williams could reconcile him self to his new surroundings he arranged to have it all reequipme rich colors and modern appointments.

The thing one notices most on enter-

ing Williams's office is the floor covering, a rug of solid red-making the reddest red floor, perhaps, ever seen out-side of a slaughter house. Williams's biography shows him to be related to more prominent persons—especially these who settled in Virginia and helped to establish the F. F. than any man in public life to-day. Mention any family prominent in early

American history, such as the George

Washingtons, the Randolphs, the Capt.

John Smiths or any of a dozen others,

and John Skelton Williams can show that he is kin to them. Cole Blease, the Governor of South Carolina, whose pardoning record and unusual utterances have caused much comment from time to time, and who is now seeking a nomination as Senator from his State, has a weakness for good clothes. He is said to be the best

No matter how hot and humid the day may be, or how many men go about among their fellows in cute little dancing pumps, Third Assistant Postmaster General Dockery wears the same kind of footgear that he does in winter. He wears old fashioned leather boots-the kind that reach to the knees—and he wears them regardless of fashion or weather. But he wears his trousers on

When James A. Gallivan was sent to Congress by the people of Boston at a special election a little while ago the first thing he did was to hold a reunion in Washington with one Samuel Wins-

player. Winslow got him on the team. They didn't see much of each other

Gallivan was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives a few years later. Then Winslow got him a good committee place.
Naturally enough, when Gallivan found Winslow in the House of Repre-

after the incident on the ball field until

sentatives on his arrival in Washington he said to him:
"You look like a good omen to me. I don't see how I can have much bad luck here with you no further away

than the other side of the House."